(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) उनके निवास पर टेलीफोन सुविधा उपलब्ध कराने के लिए क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्दः (क) से (घ) आवासीय टेलीफोन, भारतीय चिकित्सा पद्धति और होमियोपैथी के उन चिकित्सकों को प्रदान किया जाता है जो मुख्य चिकित्साधिकारी के पदों पर तैनात हैं तथा केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना के लाभार्थियों को परामर्शी सेवाएं प्रदान करते हैं। चूंकि एक ही आयुर्वेदिक चिकित्सक पात्र है इसलिए उसे आवासीय टेलीफोन प्रदान किया गया है।

Agencies to Recruit for Admission for USSR Colleges

2811. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is mushroom growth of recruiting agencies for admitting students to Medical, Dental and Engineering Colleges of the erstwhile U.S.S.R.;

(b) whether they are approved by Government; and

(c) how it is ensured that the students are not cheated by unscrupulous elements in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Some advertisements issued by private recruiting agencies have come to the notice of the Government.

(b) No, Sir,

(c) The matter has been taken up with the Ministry of External Affairs and the Medical Council of India for necessary action.

Assistance to Bhopal Gas Victims

2812. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey on the Bhopal Gas victims was conducted by the Central Government during last three years;

(b) if so, the diseases that most of the gas victims suffer and whether some Of these diseases are incurable;

(c) the nature of assistance being given by the Union Government for the proper treatment of these victims; and

(d) the number of victims died for want of proper medical treatment?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has conducted some surveys.

(b) The gas victims mainly suffered from the following diseases:

(1) respiratory.

(2) gastro-intestinal

(3) musculoskeletal

(4) opthalmic

(5) gynaecological and obsterical disorders and

(6) mental and central nervous system.

(c) The victims of the Bhopal Gas Tragedy are being provided with medical assistance under the Action Plan for relief and rehabilitation.

(d) There is no such information.

Birth Rate per Hour

2813. SHRI I. S. RAJU: Will the Ministr of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the birth rate per hour in India;

(b) whether it is a fact that the birth rate has increased in recent years in India;